

## Comments.

For 1913

with world-old.  
bears fresh ten-  
of earth's first  
by labor of the  
hours.  
which to him,  
listening, tells  
A strange tale, he has not  
heard before,  
since time was a loss and gain  
of man  
he winds have chanted o'er and  
o'er.  
when the days have all been  
counted off  
Of this year that now stands  
tremulous at dawn,  
ay from the world-old knowledge  
that he bears  
Dear lessons for our living happily  
be drawn.  
the fresh flowers that he bears  
within his hands  
rain for us the dewy fragrance  
all,  
midnight tolling out the pass-  
ing year  
count only hours of good and  
none of ill.

—Modeste Hannis Jordan

Eighty-three divorces were granted  
in Kansas City in two days.

The jury failed to agree in the  
Schmidt murder case in New  
York.

The Frisco system met the strike  
telegraph operators by installing  
phones.

The Imperial Tobacco Co. is not  
selling tobacco in Henderson, Un-  
derwood counties.

Fritz Scheff has married again.  
His wife is a New York man  
and George Anderson.

Col. Wm. C. Gorgas, of Panama  
is tipped to succeed Surgeon  
General Torney, of the army, who  
resigned.

Those entering the Federal reserve  
need not take out new char-  
ter to become members, the Organi-  
zation Committee decided.

Race segregation as a means of less-  
ening disease in the South is ad-  
vocated by Prof. C. W. Stiles, of the  
United States Public Health Service.

The parcel post made \$36,000,000  
during the first twelve months of its  
operation, according to unofficial  
estimates of post-office department ex-  
perts.

Telegraph agents on the Frisco  
system, numbering 1,189 struck for  
higher wages yesterday. They de-  
mand a 15 per cent. increase and an  
eight-hour day.

Judge Ben Lindsey, founder of  
the juvenile court of Denver, was  
married Saturday at Detroit to Miss  
Henrietta Brevort. They first met  
last spring as patients in the same  
sanatorium.

Jules Vedrines, the French aviator,  
arrived at Cairo, Egypt, Monday, thus  
bringing to a successful end a flight  
of nearly 5,000 miles, which began  
several weeks ago at Paris. In his  
voyage Vedrines made various  
stops, including Vienna, Sofia, Con-  
stantinople and Beirut.

Colorado is suspected for having  
radium bearing ores and Secretary  
Lane will withdraw all lands believed  
to have such deposits, to keep them  
from falling into private hands. He  
points out that there are now but  
two grams of radium in the United  
States, imported from Europe and  
valued at \$120,000 a gram. Dr.  
William Jacob, one of the most  
distinguished doctors in New York,  
the current issue of the New York  
Medical Journal, says he has been  
cured of cancer by radium. A Con-  
gressman was treated a week  
ago.

## WHOLE BAND ENLISTED

and Will Serve The State  
For Three More  
Years.

## ELECTED OFFICERS TUESDAY

Director Lebkuecher and His  
24 Musicians Best of  
All.

The Third Regiment Band is not  
only the pride of Col. Henry's sol-  
diers and himself but is conceded to  
be the best in the State.

At every encampment they have  
always acquitted themselves as musi-  
cians and proven that they are gen-  
tlemen as well. Our home people  
have the highest regard for them  
and know "when the band begins to  
play" there's going to be real "music  
in the air."

Last Monday night the band met  
at their rooms and elected officers  
for the coming year, as follows:

Harry Lebkuecher, President.  
Karl Witty, Vice Pres't.

Thomas Overshiner, Sec'y.  
P. L. Shrode, Treasurer and Mgr.

The band is composed of 24 men  
and their enlistment expires on the  
11th of this month. When the ques-  
tion of re-enlisting was brought up  
every one of them agreed to enlist  
for three years longer.

As is generally known the State  
Guard is part of the U. S. standing  
army and Uncle Sam furnishes the  
soldier with arms and equipment.  
The regimental bands are also a part  
of the army and are also cared for  
by the government.

## MAID TO REST.

Remains of Col. Joe Foard Ar-  
rived Here Tuesday.

The remains of Col. Joe Foard,  
who died at Natchez, Miss., Decem-  
ber 10th, arrived over the I. C. rail-  
road last Tuesday afternoon. The  
body was accompanied by Mrs.  
Foard, Mrs. Hume, a daughter, and  
Mr. Hume, of Nashville, Mrs. Wen-  
del, another daughter, and Mrs. Cor-  
nelia Humphrey, a grand daughter,  
of Murfreesboro, Tenn. The re-  
mains were taken charge of by the  
Masons and buried in Riverside Cem-  
etery with Masonic honors. The  
pallbearers were: Chas. F. Jarrett,  
John B. Trice, Nat. Gaitner, H. W.  
Tibbs, J. E. McPherson, A. W. Wood,  
H. D. Wallace, and W. P. Winfree.  
Rev. C. H. H. Branch conducted a  
brief service at the grave. Col.  
Foard's death was due to Bright's  
disease and he was in the 77th year  
of his age. Messrs. John W. Foard,  
whose home is near Church Hill, and  
R. H. Foard, of Paducah, Texas, are  
the only surviving members of a fam-  
ily of seven.

## ONLY 7 BURIALS

In Riverside Cemetery During  
Month of December.

J. T. Johnson, sexton of Riverside  
Cemetery, reports burials during  
December, as follows:

Volney C. Littlefield, Heron, Ill.  
Miss Mildred Anderson, city.

A. J. Meador, California.  
Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kel-  
ly, county.

Infant of Nellie West, county.  
Miss Katie Voss, Fairview.

Col. Joe F. Foard, Natchez, Miss.  
It will be noticed in reading the  
list that there was but one death in  
the city during the month of Decem-  
ber, which is unusual for that month.

In 1911 there were 106 burials;  
1912, 96; 1913, 100.

## MAYOR MEACHAM'S ANNUAL MESSAGE TO THE COUNCIL

Dealing With City Finances and The Work Of The Closing Year--Some Things Accomplished  
During His Terms Of Office.

The Council met in adjourned ses-  
sion Tuesday night for the granting  
of licenses for 1914. All of the pres-  
ent saloon men, 21 in number and  
one new one, John Fortner, at Sev-  
enth and Weber streets, were grant-  
ed licenses. Also both of the present  
wholesale houses. Three licenses to  
sell wholesale beer were granted,  
making the total liquor licenses \$24,-  
600. Six pool rooms now in business  
were granted a renewal of their li-  
censes.

The Treasurer's bond was fixed at  
\$25,000 and the Tax Collector's an-  
nual bond at \$15,000. The regular  
January meeting will be held to-  
morrow night. Mayor Meacham,  
whose term expires Monday, sub-  
mitted a written report on a case in  
court growing out of the construc-  
tion of the sewer on Tenth street  
and also read the following annual  
report:

### Mayor's Annual Report.

#### TO THE COUNCIL:

Pursuant to a custom that I have  
followed for many years, I herein  
submit an annual report in writing  
of the administration of city affairs  
during the past year. While some  
of the figures for the current year  
are not based on annual reports, they  
are approximately correct, as the  
few days not included will not ma-  
terially affect the results recorded.  
I have thought it best to make this  
report in advance of my retirement  
from office, in order that the figures  
compiled may be accessible to my  
honorable successor as soon as pos-  
sible for such purposes as he may  
desire to use them.

The finances of the city are in a  
very satisfactory condition. The  
bonded debt of the city was re-  
duced \$2,500 during the year, a deficit  
of \$2,663 on Jan. 1st and a floating  
debt of about \$7,600 were paid and a  
balance of about \$2,000 is on hand in  
the general fund at the close of the  
year's business. The bonded debt  
now consists of \$4,000 of refunded  
O. V. Railroad bonds due in 1921 and  
\$66,000 of 1910 and 1911 High School  
bonds due in 29 years from dates of  
issue. Besides this bonded debt of  
\$70,000, there is an unpaid balance  
of \$1,425 on a sewer contract, (a de-  
tailed report of which I have made  
to your honorable body) and the cur-  
rent bill for street lighting from  
Sept. 1, 1913, amounting to about  
\$2,800, which is undergoing investi-  
gation. The street lighting contract  
expired Nov. 16, 1913, and the bill  
since that date is without legal au-  
thority under a recent decision. In-  
cluding this bill, the indebtedness of  
the city is all told \$74,225, while  
there are uncollected claims of near-  
ly \$4,000 due the city. The revenues  
of 1914 may be safely estimated at  
\$85,000 for the general fund, but  
since the courts have construed the  
school debt to be a current liability,  
the contracting of new debts for  
1914 beyond the actual running ex-  
penses of the government is limited  
to a few thousand dollars, barely  
enough to renew the water and  
street lighting contracts.

#### STREETS AND SEWERS.

During the year more than \$26,-  
000 was expended on streets and  
sewers. Of this \$4,700 was a deferred  
payment on the Bitulthic streets  
built in 1912, about half of which is  
due from property owners and  
should have been recovered by suits  
long since. More than \$6,000 was  
spent in extending the system of  
drainage sewers and was wisely ex-  
pended. Much of the rest was spent  
in repairing macadam streets, some  
of which was not wisely spent. Un-  
fortunately there was no extension  
of permanent street building, a con-  
tract by which the city was to divide  
with property owners the cost of  
building about 1 1/2 miles of  
macadam streets. What about it?  
The water is a gift from  
nature and will surprise you.

the city has not been renewed since  
Nov. 16, 1912. The city paid about  
\$5,100 for water during 1913. The  
contract with the Kentucky Public  
Service Co. for street lights, amount-  
ing to about \$7,500, expired Nov. 16,  
1913, as stated above. There have  
been no serious troubles to adjust  
with any corporations doing busi-  
ness in the city. The refusal of the  
Illinois Central Railroad Co. to com-  
ply with a condition of its grant of  
1891 and construct a drainage sewer  
under Tenth street is the only un-  
friendly act shown by any corpora-  
tion. This company should have been  
compelled to fulfill this condition,  
under penalty of having its permit  
to enter the city over Tenth street  
revoked, but I was unable to enforce  
the ordinance dealing with the mat-  
ter, for reasons not necessary to  
discuss at this time.

#### CEMETERIES.

I was again disappointed in not  
having a chapel and public vault  
erected in Riverside Cemetery, al-  
though an appropriation of \$2,500  
was made for the purpose, but not  
expended. I have recommended his  
public need to four different councils,  
but must leave it to my successor to  
do what I have been unable to bring  
about. I am also sorry to report  
that a small appropriation of \$500  
made to improve the Pioneer Grave-  
yard, upon a condition that a like  
amount be raised by popular sub-  
scription, was never allowed to be  
used in whole or in part, but the ap-  
propriation was rescinded last fall,  
leaving undone this civic improve-  
ment, that should appeal to the pa-  
triotic sentiment of the whole city.

A tract of 12 acres lying about one  
mile from the city on the Greenville  
road, was purchased last summer  
and set apart for a cemetery for col-  
ored people. Some improvements  
have been made and others are need-  
ed. The cemetery has been named  
Cave Spring Cemetery.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

There have been no serious fires  
during the year, the Department do-  
ing its usual good work under E. P.  
Fears as chief. There were only 31  
alarms.

#### BUILDING.

It has been another year of great  
activity in building operations. The  
Jennie Stuart Hospital, the Cherokee  
Building and the Helme Tobacco fac-  
tory are important buildings about  
completed and work has begun on  
the Carnegie Library to cost \$15,000  
and the Government Building to cost  
\$70,000. Many handsome dwelling  
houses have been erected.

#### THE POOR.

During the year I issued 193 or-  
ders for coal of \$1.00 each, 126 to  
white and 67 to colored applicants.  
The Council appropriated \$225 of the  
Latham Poor Fund to the Orphans'  
Home and \$300 to the Associated  
Charities.

#### POLICE.

There were no cases of discipline  
in the police department during the  
year and only one reprimand. This  
was a remarkable record. The cash  
collections from all sources have been  
about \$5,821. The arrests have been  
1,105, a decrease over 1912 of 175.

#### HEALTH.

During the spring there were sev-  
eral cases of smallpox and expenses  
from this cause aggregated \$682.  
Four cases appeared in November  
among railroad hands, but these were  
sent to the county poor farm and  
cared for at the expense of the I. &  
N. Railroad. There are now no  
cases in the city. There have been  
occasional cases of typhoid fever,  
scarlet fever and diphtheria, but the  
city has been free from any ap-  
proaching an epidemic.

#### PARKS.

creased enthusiasm and pleasure.  
No single public improvement of re-  
cent years has proven more popular  
than the damming of the river at  
Second street.

On the 8th of August, Virginia  
Park was thrown open to the people,  
after about \$8,500 had been spent  
for improvements of a permanent  
character. Improvements on Peace  
Park were postponed, owing to a  
plan, afterwards abandoned, of plac-  
ing the Carnegie Library building on  
a portion of the park grounds. On  
October 1st a Park Commission was  
created that now has in hand the  
further improvement and control of  
all of the parks. A financial report  
on the park funds has been made by  
the Treasurer during the present  
month. The Park Commission con-  
sists of C. F. Jarrett, President; T.  
L. Metcalfe, Dr. F. P. Thomas and  
B. F. McCloud and the Mayor, ex-  
officio.

#### CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Early in January I appointed a  
board of directors for the proposed  
Carnegie Library and arrangements  
were made to locate it on Peace Park,  
but it was decided to remove all  
doubts of the legality of such action  
by a test case, which being brought  
in October resulted in an adverse  
decision in the circuit court. An ap-  
peal is now pending, but the preced-  
ing council concluded that another  
lot would be more desirable, even  
should the case be ultimately re-  
versed, and on Nov. 14 authorized  
the purchase of a lot on the North-  
east corner of Liberty and Eighth  
streets. This purchase was made  
on Dec. 16 and work has been begun  
on the building to be erected on the  
new site. On July 1st the new  
board of directors, having in the  
meantime organized and settled their  
terms by lot, were all reappointed  
for the full term beginning on that  
date. The directors are Frank Rives,  
President; W. T. Tandy, Ira L. Smith,  
Mrs. T. C. Underwood and Mrs. W.  
A. Padford.

#### LITIGATION.

But little business was transacted  
in the courts during the year. In  
the spring a damage suit filed by  
Mary Buckner and others for alleged  
faulty drainage was tried out and a  
verdict rendered for the city. Dur-  
ing the September term of Circuit  
Court a damage suit brought by  
Mrs. Josephine Davis was begun and  
continued when it was found that  
further pleadings would be necessary  
for the plaintiff to stay in court.  
Another case in which Palmer Graves  
was the plaintiff was tried and judg-  
ment given for \$150 against the city.  
The case of W. T. Tandy for dam-  
ages growing out of a riot in Decem-  
ber 1907 was also tried and gained  
by the city and is now in the Court  
of Appeals.

The following list of suits now  
pending is as nearly correct as I can  
make it in the absence of an official  
report:

Elizabeth Moore's Admr. vs. City.  
Dismissed.

W. T. Tandy vs. City, appealed by  
plaintiff.

W. T. Cooper vs. City for \$10,000  
damages.

Mrs. J. Davis vs. City, two dam-  
age suits.

P. T. Swain vs. City, damage suit.  
City vs. Woodridge & Co. to re-  
cover excess in bill for hauling.

Tom West vs. City, suit  
for injury.

C. F. Jarrett vs. the publisher of the  
Hickman Kentuckian, Hopkinsville, the club be made up.

Meacham  
unpaid balance

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have paid the ONLY 25 CENTS ADDITION  
for services Postcards, 6 New Year Postcards,  
in 1913/ Christmas Seals, 60 Decorative Seals,  
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All embossed in gold and beautiful Christmas

## REAL BATTLE GOING ON

Mexican Rebels Are Fighting  
Under Black Flag at  
Ojinaga.

## THE FEDERALS LAST STAND.

United States Troops Keeping  
Panic Stricken Refugees on  
South Side of River.

Presidio, Tex. Dec. 31.—The bat-  
tle between 5,000 rebels under Gen.  
Ortega and the northern division of  
the Mexican federal army, entrench-  
ed around Ojinaga, Mexico, across  
the border from this place, still was  
in progress when darkness fell last  
night. No bullets came across the  
border.

The forces had been engaged for  
thirty-six hours and many had been  
killed and wounded. The federal  
forces, crippled and disorganized by  
the first rebel onslaught, clung to  
the hillside trenches where their  
leaders had decided to make a last  
stand. They rallied somewhat from  
the panic that seized many of them  
with the first volleys of the rebels  
when daylight disclosed the position  
of Ortega's men, and put up a plucky  
fight against heavy odds, although  
their losses were heavy from wounds  
and desertions. Many wounded and  
deserters waded waist deep through  
the river to the American side.

#### DEATH THEIR PORTION.

Although the rebels tonight ap-  
peared to have much advantage, the  
outcome of the struggle was not  
clearly defined. That the rebels  
will surrender is improbable, said  
Gen. Ortega has explicit orders to  
execute the so-called volunteers and  
their commanders, Generals Orozco,  
Salazar, Rojas, Orpinal, Alanis and  
Gomez. Eighteen hundred volun-  
teers also come under the sentence  
of death imposed by order of Gen.  
Villa. That the federals with all  
their generals except perhaps Castro,  
Mancilla and Landa, of the regulars,  
will be forced over to the United  
States in case of defeat, was thought  
on the American side to be most  
likely.

The land which slopes down to the  
shallow and muddy Rio Grande on  
the American side all day presented  
the busy aspect of the rear of an  
army in action. Cavalrymen of the  
border patrol galloped along the  
water's edge ready to send back any  
Mexican soldiers who attempted to  
cross or to stop a possible general  
rush of the whole federal army across  
the border. Only wounded soldiers  
were given assistance.

## BASSETT SELECTED

President of Kitty League to Be  
Business Manager at  
Nashville.

Nashville, Ten., Dec. 31.—It is  
stated here today that Dr. Frank  
Bassett, of Hopkinsville, Ky., presi-  
dent of the Kitty League, will be  
business manager of the Nashville  
League Club, effective January 1.

Supporters of W. C. Hirsig, whom  
some of the directors have sought to  
depose as president, say that Artie  
Hofman, Harry McIntyre or Jimmy  
Sheekhard will be considered for the  
club managership should Hirsig's  
appointment be made.

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